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BOX PATENT APPLICATION

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RE: U.S. Patent Application Entitled: "Process for Nitrous Oxide Purification"; J.P. Oppenheim et al.; (14-54(8992))

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a 13-page patent specification including 30 claims and an abstract. Also included are Figures 1-6 on 6 sheets. The specification and drawings constitute the application of J.P. Oppenheim, Patrick Notte, Alexander Noskov, Barry Bowman, Ramoorthy Chandrasekhar and Greg Croce for the captioned application.

Please note that this application is filed without an inventors' Declaration and Assignment, a Declaration Claiming Small Entity Status, a Power of Attorney, and filing fees. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) and (d), the Applicant requests the Patent and Trademark Office to accept this application and accord a serial number and filing date as of the date this application is deposited with the U.S. Postal Service for Express Mail. Further, the Applicant requests that the NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS-FILING DATE GRANTED pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) be sent to the undersigned Applicant's representative.

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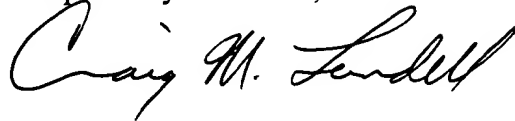
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